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1. The following troop trains were made available for shipment on 4 and 5 October:

five trains

from Bernau to Prenslau; four trains

from Bernau to Zehdenick; six trains

from Buch to Vogelsang; and two trains

from Buch to Prenslau.

2. A shipment of 18 T-34/85 tanks was seen at the Buch railroad station on 5 October. On the same day, seven JS-2 tanks and 30 trucks of the 83rd Guards Heavy Tanks and SP Regiment of the 25th Tank Division were entrained at the Bernau railroad station. On 4 October, 30 T-34/85 tanks of the 175th Tank Regiment of the 25th Tank Division and 30 motor vehicles were loaded onto two trains at the Buch railroad station. Shipments of equal size were made on 5 October. On 5 October, a shipment of 20 JS tanks and six motor vehicles and another shipment of 35 JS tanks, five T-34 tanks and 20 motor vehicles was seen at the Buch and Bernau railroad stations. 1

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3. Between 29 September and 1 October, a shipment of pontoons and other engineer equipment from a camp near Aken and of motor vehicles of the 8th Guards Army was entrained at the Dessau railroad station and dispatched toward Bitterfeld. A second train was also being loaded.
4. The Hermann Goering Kaserne in Dresden was re-occupied on 28 September. The Polizei Kaserne in Dresden-Hellerau was being cleared up, presumably in preparation for re-occupation, between 28 September and 3 October. On 2 October, a shipment of tanks [redacted] was seen at the Strassgraebchen- Bernsdorf railroad station. The train was apparently headed in the direction of Senftenberg. Materiel, including tanks of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division, was being loaded at the Schwepnitz railroad station.
5. The barracks installation in Wurzen was occupied by about 2,500 troops prior to 24 September. Three trains carrying tanks, armored personnel carriers, field guns, mortars and motor vehicles were dispatched from Wurzen on 25 September. The trains had allegedly gone in the direction of Dresden. The troops returned again on 30 September and 1 October.
6. Troops were being entrained day and night at Neuhaudensleben and Hillersleben between 1 and 4 October. Camp Planken was being vacated on 5 October by the majority of the units stationed there. No loadings were observed in Neuhaudensleben and Gardelegen on that day. The maneuvers in the Gardelegen area had apparently been terminated. 2
7. The VPS engineer school, which was quartered in the Staendehaus in Rostock, moved by road to Kuehlungsborn on 14 September.

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1. ☐ Comment: Major exercises involving large elements of the 25th Tank Division were presumably conducted in the area north of Berlin during the first week of October. No definite information has been received on the participation of units of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division in this exercise.

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2. ☐ Comment: The loading operations probably involved units of the 7th Guards Tank Division.

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